(c) Apart from stricter enforcement of the existing provisions of the following laws;

(i) The Indian Penal Code;

(ii) The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1996; and

(iii) The Juvenile Justice Act, 1986.

The Government of India has already referred to the Law Commission certain amendments in the major criminal laws to tackle sexual abuse of children, recommended by the National Commission for Women. The Government has set up a Central Advisory Committee for an ongoing review and recommendations of both legal and non-legal approaches to the rescue and rehabilitation of children in prostitution. In addition, the Government is attempting to bring about an overall improvement in the status of children, especially girl children, through better education, health care and empowerment of women.

Allocation to Pariyaram Medical College

2511. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the allocation/advance of funds made by his Ministry to Pariyaram Medical College at Cannanore in Kerala;

(b) the terms/conditions thereof;

(c) whether any other Medical College or Educational Institute has received such advance during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has not given any financial assistance to Pariyaram Medical College, Cannanore, Kerala.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The financial assistance given to Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Wardha during the last three years is as under :

1993-94	Rs. 250 lakhs
1994-95	Rs. 275 lakhs
1995-96	Rs. 400 lakhs

Monuments

2512. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that all monuments in the country face threat from pollution and non-conservation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many of these monuments suffer damage infected by feet, hands, emission of cars, buses of the tourists;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri and Lal Quila of Delhi are also effected; and

(d) if so, the measures contemplated by the Government in these matters?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (d). While it is not a fact that all monuments face threat from non-conservation, it is necessary in many cases to safeguard ancient monuments against possible pollution. Effective measures have been taken by the A.S.I. to safeguard centrally protected monuments, including the Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri and Lal Quila of Delhi against human, industrial and vehicular pollution. These include afforestation, monitoring of pollution level from industries, prescribing environmental guidelines for location of industries and evolving emission and effluent standards.

[Translation]

National Literacy Campaign

2513. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are giving wide publicity to National Literacy Campaign; and

(b) if so, the names of the districts in each State which have been declared fully literate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The National Literacy Mission undertakes propagation of Literacy messages through advertisement and publicity in Print and Electronic Media.

(b) The National Literacy Mission has dispensed with the concept of declaring the districts fully literate. After completion of total Literacy the Districts launch Post Literacy Campaigns for consolidation of gains acquired by learners. 174 Districts are at present in the Post Literacy Phase.

[English]

Release of Ganga Water for Calcutta Port

2514. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to